

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on March 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 19, 3/10/2017; SB 241, 3/10/2017; SB 311, 3/10/2017

HEARING ON HJ 19**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, Interim study on traffic laws and uniform vehicle code.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:11 Rep. Smith joined the meeting
00:03:25 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:04:32 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:19 Rep. Hamilton
00:05:41 Rep. Grubbs
00:07:03 Rep. Fern
00:07:58 Rep. Grubbs
00:08:59 Rep. Trebas
00:10:27 Rep. Grubbs
00:10:55 Tom Butler, MHP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:30 Rep. Grubbs

HEARING ON SB 241**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:41 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, Generally revise commercial drivers license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:53 Patrick McJannet, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division (DOJ/MVD)
00:15:34 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

EXHIBIT(trh54a01)

00:18:32 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA), Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA)
00:21:47 Duane Williams, Motor Carrier Services Division, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
00:22:22 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:24:04 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association

EXHIBIT(trh54a02)

00:25:41 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:26:56 JD Lynch, Teamsters Union # 2, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) # 44

00:27:56 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:59 Rep. Fern
 00:30:07 Duane Williams, MDT
 00:30:27 Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD
 00:31:49 Rep. Fern
 00:32:16 Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD
 00:33:33 Vice Chair Garner
 00:36:36 Sen. Buttrey
 00:37:19 Rep. McKamey
 00:37:33 Sen. Buttrey
 00:38:03 Rep. McKamey
 00:38:58 Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD
 00:39:37 Rep. McKamey
 00:40:21 Sen. Buttrey
 00:40:59 Rep. McKamey
 00:41:07 Rep. Smith
 00:41:42 Sen. Buttrey
 00:42:30 Vice Chair Kipp III
 00:44:06 Sen. Buttrey
 00:44:12 Vice Chair Kipp III
 00:44:18 Rep. Loge joined the meeting
 00:44:24 Sen. Buttrey
 00:45:04 Vice Chair Kipp III
 00:45:45 Sen. Buttrey
 00:46:21 Rep. Hamilton
 00:50:27 Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:24 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:11 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, Revise commercial drivers license laws for military skills test waiver.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:54 Patrick McJannet, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division (DOJ/MVD)
 00:54:19 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
 00:54:44 JD Lynch, Teamsters Union # 2, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) # 44
 00:54:54 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:29	Rep. Hamilton
00:55:50	Sen. Buttrey
00:56:16	Rep. Hamilton
00:56:33	Sen. Buttrey
00:57:04	Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD
00:57:09	Rep. Hamilton
00:57:37	Patrick McJannet, DOJ/MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:34	Sen. Buttrey
00:59:59	Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:00:22

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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